

REMARKS


This is in response to the Official Action mailed September 27, 2004, in which claims 1-49 were held subject to a restriction or election requirement. The Examiner has taken the position that the present application contains claims directed to a number of inventions; namely:

Invention I	Claims 1-16;
Invention II	Claims 17-45;
Invention III	Claim 46;
Invention IV	Claim 47;
Invention V	Claim 48; and
Invention VI	Claim 49.

As required, applicants hereby elect Invention I (claims 1-16). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice.

Applicants submit that the elected claims in the case are ready for examination on the merits. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present case, the Examiner should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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